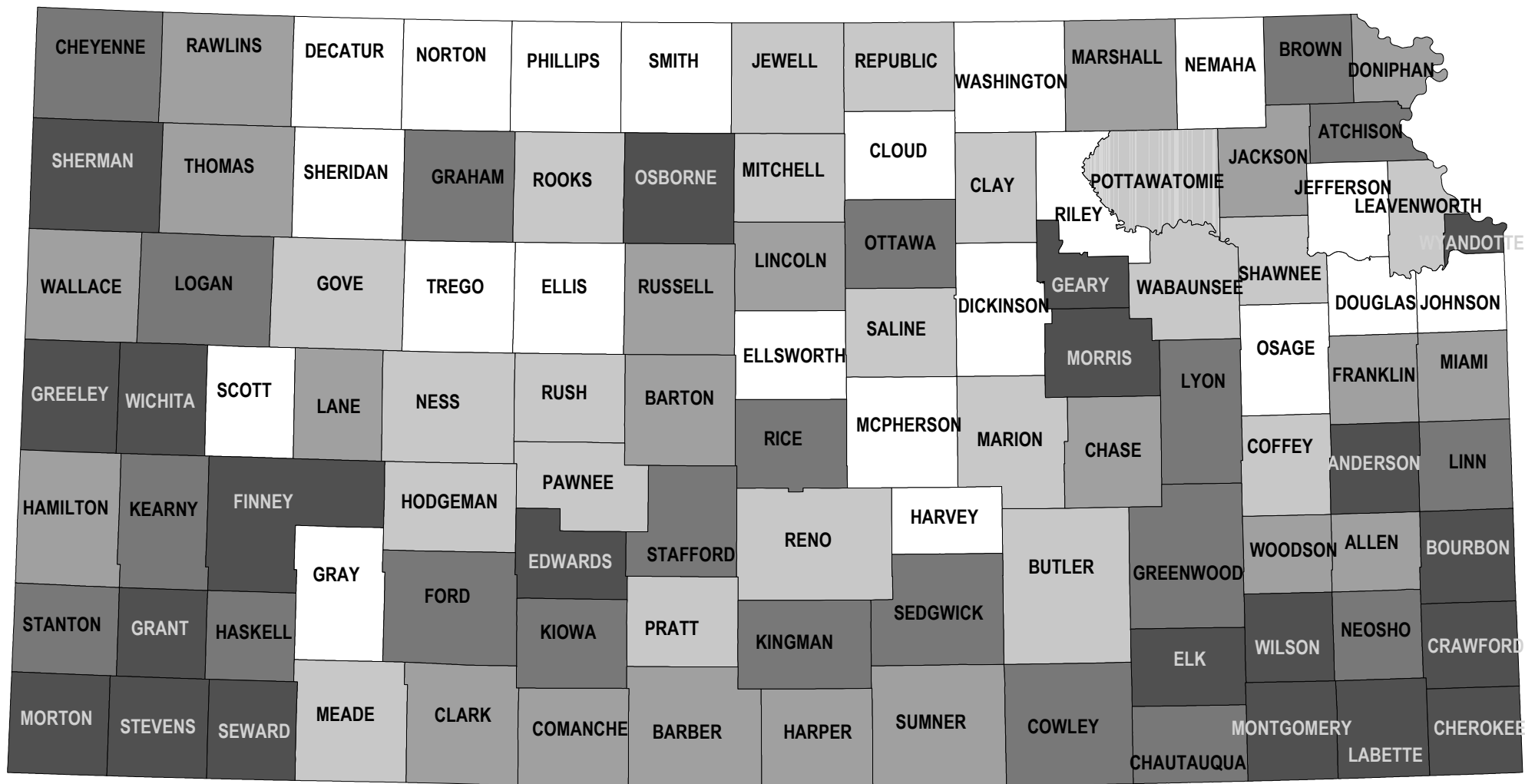


# Child Health Index



The Child Health Index is a tool which combines key child health indicators into one number. It is simply a tool; it does not tell the whole story. To see the individual child health indicators and their values, refer to the Child Health Index Table, another Joint State Needs Assessment product. Use the Child Health Index in conjunction with other data, program information, research, and the expert opinion of key child health stakeholders in your community.

A color map is also available which provides slightly more detail. The "High" group of counties is broken into two groups: "Very High" and "High" comparative need.

The Child Health Index is a product of the Joint State Needs Assessment, a partnership between three Kansas Department of Health and Environment program areas (2000).

## Comparative Need

